HOSPITAL DAYS.

PROBABLE RESULT OF THE MOVEMENT TO COL-LECT A FUND FOR THE VARIOUS CITY INPIRMARIES CONTRIBUTIONS IN PUBLIC

e of the fund collected yesterday for the city tals, said last evening that it was not reasonable expect any account of the money collected on aturday and yesterday till Wednesday next. The reipts will then be placed in the hands of Mr. Lanier, Winslow, Lanier & Co., who will ascertain the ith the exception of the Roman Catholics, have with the exception of the Roman Catholics, have inited this year in putting boxes in all the prominent places in the city—viz., the Post Office and its actions stations, hotels, commercial and financial schanges, club houses, ferry houses and "L" road stations. These boxes still remain in the places where they were placed on Friday last. Their ontents will probably be collected to-day and to-morrow and placed in the hands of the committee. t all places where the boxes were placed spectators raised in this way. A prominent Hobrew member of the Fund Committee says that the synagogues alone will turn in upward of \$20,000. In former years, Mr. Baker says, a smaller number of boxes located at different points turned in over \$7,500. This year he thinks it will be at least double that amount. The Presbyterian churches, moreover, made preliminary collections for the hespitals on Thanksgiving day. All the Episcopal churches made collections yesterday. In many cases in the churches special sermons were preached and collections were taken up immediately afterward and donated to certain hospitals.

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Notwithstanding the statements of Mr. Baker, other members of the Fund Committee say it will probably be three or four weeks before the funds are turned over by the treasurers of the different churches, who will have to make up their reports and send in their returns to the committee. In previous years, even when expeditious in the work, they did not finish in less than several weeks. The money has now more avenues to pour in from, and it is natural to expect that it will take a much longer time. d in this way. A prominent Hebrew member

ser and their necessity for money. They were, erefore, not included in the number upon whom his charity was to be bestowed. Some of the hositals had kept out of the movement because they are averse to it, and others because they did not network it.

Mr. Francis Burns, one of the oldest and most highly esteemed citizens of Baltimore, died in that city yesterday in the eighty-eightn year of nis age. Mr. Burns was of Scotch-Irish descent, and was born in the county Antrim, Ireland, April 11, 1792. He came to this country with is parents, who settled in Philadelphia in 1798. eased went to Baltimore in 1818 and estabhed himself in the brick making business with e late George Whitman. This partnership lasted veral years and at its termination, upon the retireent of Mr. Whitman, Mr. Burns conducted the usiness by himself for some time, until forming a puriness by himself for some time, until forming a partnership with the tate Abraham Russell, with whom he conducted a very successful business until 1860, when he retired. During his life he was connected with a number of corporations and institutions, being a director of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad for nearly twenty-five years and also of the Baltimore Savings Bank for a number of years. The latter position he resigned in 1847 to become a director in the Eutaw Savings Bank, which was catablished that year, and of which he was one of the founders. He was also a director in the Associated Fire Insurance Company. Mr. Burns was a prominent member of the Masonic fraternity and was the oldest member of that Order in Maryland. At one time he was Deputy Grand Master and took part in the ceremony of laying the cornerstone of the Baltimore Masonic Temple in 1866. He was several times solicited by the fraternity to accept the high honor of grand master, but always declined, owing to the press of busine-sit would probably entail. At the time of his death he was a member of Warren Lodge and the St. John Royal Arch Chapter of Masons. He was also a member of St. Andrew's Society. Although never taking any active part in politics, he filled several terms in the City Council. The deceased leaves four sons, Mr. William F. Burns, president of the Eutaw Savings Bank and the People's Gas Company; Mr. Samuel Burns, of the firm of Burns & Co., lumber dealers; Francis, Jr., and Findig Burns, of Wilson, Burns & Co., of three daughters, all married, Mrs. William Wilson, Mrs. J. G. Harvey and Mrs. J. T. Berry.

deceased was born in Lebanon, N. H., and began preaching in the Methodist faith at the age of wenty-seven years. Some fifteen years later he withdrew from the Methodist denomination on account of his anti-slavery views. He continued preaching and lecturing, however, and removed to Albany, where he remained for two years. He then went-to Philadelphia and resided there a number of years. The deceased came to this city about twenty-seven years ago and established the Buber Examiner, which he continued to publish until prostrated by sickness. The last number of the magazine was published in October, 1879. Mr. Storrs, who was the author of a large number of tracts and pamphlets, was eighty-three years of age at the time of his death. The funeral services will be held at his late-residence on Tuesday morning next, and the interment take place at Woodlawn Cemetery. withdrew from the Methodist denomination on ac-

SHIPPING NEWS

OCEAN STEAMERS.

DATES OF DEPARTURE FROM NEW YORK FOR THE MONTHS OF DECEMBER AND JANUARY. Steamers. | Sails. | Destination. |

	Dec	29	Antwerp	52 Brondway
Germanie	Dec	30	Liverpool	37 Broadway
Algeria	Dec	31	Liverpool	4 Bowling Green
Algeria. The Queen.	Dec	31	Liverpool	09 Broadway
Ethiopia	Dec	31	Glasgow	7 Bowling Green
City of Richmond	Jan	1	Liverpool	31-33 Broadway
California	Jun	1	London	7 Bowling Green
State of Pennsylv'in	Jan	- 1	Glasgow	72 Brondway
Baltie	Jan	- 1	Liverpool	37 Broadway
Herder	Jan	- 1	Hamburg	61 Brondway
	Jun	31	Liverpool	31-33 Broadway
Helvetin	Jun	- 3	Liverpool	60 Broadway
Utopia	Jan	- 3	London	7 Bowling Green
Main	Jan	- 3	Bromen	2 Bowling Green
Circussia	Jan	- 3	(llasgow	7 Bowling Green
P Caland	Jan	- 23	Stotterdam.	50 Brondway
Wyoming	Jun	6	Liverpool	29 Broadway
Scythia	Jun	7	Liverpool	4 Bowling Green
Pranco	Jan			60 Broadway
Erin	Jan	7		60 Broadway
France	Jan	- 21	Havro	55 Broadway
State of Nevada	Jan			72 Brondway
Celtie	Jan	- 81		37 Broadway
Westphalia	Jan	- 8		61 Broadway
City of New York	Jan	10		31-33 Broadway
	Jan	10		(ii) Broadway
	Jan	10	Ginsgow	7 Bowling Green
	Jan	10	Bremen	2 Bowling Green
Batavia	Jan	14	Liverpool	4 Bowling Green
Greece	Jan	14	London	60 Broadway
Dity of Brussels	Jan	15	Liverpool	31-33 Broadway
Goilert	Jan	15	Hamburg	61 Broadway
England	Jan	17		(a) Brondway
	Jan	17	Glasgow	7 Bowling Green
Gen Werder	Jun	17	Bremen	2 Bowling Green
Nevada	Jan	20	Liverpool	20 Broadway
	Jan	21	Liverpool	4 Bowling Green
Canada	FIRT	21	London	60 Broadway
Labragor	Jan	21	Havre	35 Brondway
Lossing	Jan	22	Hamburg	61 Broadway
City of Berlin		24	Laverpool	31-33 Broadway
Egypt			Liverpool	100 Renadway
Donau		24	Bramen	2 Bowling Green
Rotterdam		24	Kotterdam.	30 Broadway
Wisconsin		27	Liverpool	29 Broadway
Spain	Jan	31	Liverpool	60 Broadway
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HERALD YACHT WEATHER OBSER-VATIONS.

PORT OF NEW YORK, DEC. 28, 1879.

REPORTED BY THE HERALD STEAM VACHTS AND HERALD BAITIMOTE.
WHITESTONE TELEGRAPH LINE.
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sees, &c. to A A Low & Brother.

Steamer Batte (Br), Parsell, Liverpool Dec 16, and Jucenstown 17th, with molecular and passengers to R J Corns. Had strong westerly gales most of the passage.

Steamer City of Richmond Br), Leitch, Liverpool via failfax, 2 days, with molecular properties. Had strong westerly gales most of the passage. It is a strong westerly gales most of the passage. Steamer Bayes of the passage of the pas

New York, Quick, New Orleans 6 days, with ogert & Morgan. Wysnoke, Couch, Richmond, City Point and ith muse and passengers to the Old Dominion

Balles to J. Roome, Jr.

Ship Shicis (Br., Angel, Port Spain 14 days, in ballast, to Bowring & Archibald.

Bark Issac (Ans.) Veccarich, Plymouth 56 days, with china clay to Funch, Edys (6. Dec. 8, let 35, lon 28, held a harricano from Sci. and rigging attached; Dec 17, lat 31, 25, long and rigging attached; Dec 17, lat 31, 25, long and rigging attached; Dec 17, lat 31, 25, long and rigging attached; Dec 17, lat 31, 25, long and later and late

sugar to A E Outerbridge & Co.

Brig S N Collymore (of Windsor, NS), Ritchie, Peruambuco 29 days, with sugar to Havemeyer & Elder; vessel to A T Henry. Crossed the Equator Dec 5, in Ion 43 33.

Brig Annie (Br.), Yaie, Old Harbor, Ja, 19 days, with logwood and sugar to B D Kirkland; vessel to H B Balley

Schr Petosi, Ostronov Schroll, Leach, Cape Haytien 12 days, stove bulwarks.

Schr Lamoine (of Boston), Leach, Cape Haytien 12 days, with logwood to S Michelins; vessel to Miller & Houghton, Dec 20, lat 28, len 73 40, passed schr Geo L Treadwell, of Baltimere, bound S.

Schr Bobert Byron (of Bucksport), Nicholson, Cape Haytien 14 days, with logwood to Kunhardt & Co; vessel to Jas E Ward & Co.

Schr Lexington, Leighton, Montege Bay, Js., via Delsware Brenkwater 20 days, with augar, logwood, &c, to G Wessels: vessel to Simpson, Clapp & Co. Dec 5, of Cape Antonio, Guring a NE squall, carried away bowspirt.

Schr John S Wood Smith, New Orleans 14 days, with cotton, &c, to order. Is bound to Boston; put in for a harbor. narbor.
Sehr S J Yaughan, Vaughan, Virginia,
Sehr S T Winterton, Jackson, Virginia,
Sehr Trade Wind, Corson, Georgetown, DC.
Sehr Ada L Corson, Corson, Philadelphia.
PASSED THROUGH HELL GATE,

Bark Ironsides, Coggins, from Pensacela Dec 2. Brig Annie Batchelder, Steelman, from New Orleans Dec 13.

MARITIME MISCELLANY.

Capt E Deddes, of the steamer P Caland, and Capt G T Vis, of the steamer W A Schotten, have our thanks for special meteorological observations made in connection

special meteorological observations made in connection with the Herald weather service. Purser Patchke, of the steamer Magara, also has our thanks for courtestes.

Bark E T G (Br), Guynther, which arrived at the Mississippi Passes 28th inst. reports that on the 6th ult, when off the Canary Islands, she experienced heavy weather and lost her mainmast.

Bark Franckson Avegno (Ital), from New York for Queenstown, before reported at Fayal leaky, arrived there Dec 2. She jettissoned about fifty tons of carge.

Bark Invincials (Br), from Pensacola for Maraellies (before reported), was abundened, waterlogged, in lat 31, londs. The Fronch steamer Ville de Maraellies was the vessel which reacced the crew and landed them at Cades Dec 14. Schr Mary Lord, but he arrived at Calcasien, La. 8th inst. reports. Nov 21, had a severe gale and lost foresail and foreboom, which were washed away by a heavy sea.

SCHR L L HAMLIN (147 tons), of and at Northport, hauled out on Jesse Carll's ways for repairs, was ordered by the owners to be sold for the benefit of all concerned, at auction, on Dec 24.

Newporx, RI. Dec 28—Bark Zingarella, Capt Handy, of

SPOKEN.

Ship Hoogly, Frost, from New York for Point de Galle, Oct 25, lat 16 8, lon 30 W. Hark Stelle (Ger), Semmer, from Hamburg for San Francisco, Oct 26, lat 7 N. lon 24 W. Bark Franc Lambreth, Gray, from Boston for Brisbane, Nov 10, lat 17 N. lon 30. Bark Warrior (Br), McNutt, from Liverpool for Charles-ton, Dec 10, off Saltoes. Bark Com Dupont, Grockett, from New York for Port Bark Com Dupont, Crockett, from Liverpool for Cuarles-ton, Dec 10, off Saltees.

Bark Com Dupont, Crockett, from New York for Port
Natal, Oct 22, lat 11 8, lon 30 W.

Bark Bendevennen (Nor), Olsen, from New York for
Bordeanx, Dec 12, lat 49, lon 20.

Schr Helen J Holway, from Wilmington, NC, for Pointa-Pitre, Dec 15, no lat, &c (by schr Geo Walker, at Havana 24th).

OUR CABLE SHIPPING NEWS.

AMSTERDAM, Doc 27—Arrived, barks Isabella Blyth (Nor), Lindahl, Philadelphia; Charles (Ger), Langhoff, Wilming-

Stokes, Philadelphia. BRISTOL, Dec 28-Arrived, ship Freedom, Lawrence, New

BRENEN, Dec 27-Arrived, bark Minden (Br), Michoner, New York; 28th. ship Bedford (Br), Congdon, Philadel-

Sailed 26th, ships Anna (Ger), Menkens, New York; Salied 20th, ships Anna (Ger), menkula, New York; Orpheus (Ger), Dager, Baltimore; Irwell (Br), McDonald, America; bark Portuna (Nor), Kristonsen, New York.
BAYONNE, to Doc 28—Arrived, bark Blue Bird, (Br), Michener, New York.
CROCKHAYEN, Dec 28, 8:15 PM—Off, steamer City of Ber

lin (Br), Kennedy, from New York for Liverpool.

BORDEAUX, to Dec 28—Arrived, bark Arcadia (Br), Da-

Arrived in the river to 28th, the "Bark Cann" (probably bark Bondovenin (Nor), Olsen, from New York), ice HULL, Dec 28-Arrived, bark Marco Pole (Ital), Gavag-

nin, New York via Queenstown.

HARRING, Dec 28—Arrived, ship John Bertram (Nor), Rood, New York; bark Sosterk (Nog. Guttermeen, Wilmington, NC. HAVER, Dec 28—Arrived, bark Gleneida, Korning, Balti-

Salled 27th, steamer Batavia (Br), Mowland, New York, Salied 27th, steamer Batavia (Br), Mowland, New York,
LONDON, Dec 27—Arrived, ships Prima Donna, Lunt
Hong Kong: Raphael, Sherman, New York; Matchless,
Hawes, San Francisco; barks Josie T Marchall (Br),
Parker, Portland; Lowis Smith (Br), Wright, New York;
George E Corbett (Br), Winchester, Aunapolis, NS; Somerville (Br), Fraser, Savannah via Queenstown.
Sailed 27th, ship Washington, Martin, New York,
Lizann, Dec 28—Passed, steamer Wieland (Ger), Hebich,
from New York for Hamburg.

Malaga, Dec 27—Sailed, bark Peeress (Br), Pensacola,
Moville, Dec 28—Arrived, steamer Moravian (Br), Gra-

MALAUA, Doc 27.—Sailed, bark Peeress (Br), Penfacela, Moville, Dec 28.—Arrived, steamer Moravian (Br), Graham, Baltimore, &c. for Liverpool and proceeded), Queenstown, Dec 27.—Arrived, bark Oberbergmeister von Winter (Gor), Schaibe, New York,
Thieste, to Doc 28.—Arrived, bark Mary McKee, Sharp,

BEFORTED BY THE HERALD STEAM YACHTS AND HERALD WHITESTONE TELEGRAPH LINE.

Steamer Guy Mannering (Er). Mann, Amoy Oct 18, SingsWilmington, NC, for Amsterdam.

Arrived at - Dec 28, ship Warwick (Br), Sexton, San

FOREIGN PORTS.

MAASLIUS, Dec 14-Salled, W B Herrick, Crowell, New Pricans.

MARNHLES, Dec 11—Arrived, Cleopatra, Calangeich,
New York; 13th, Powhatan (s., Price, do.

Salied 13th, Leopoldo, Pesce, New York; Gusta Helone,
Floronaes, Philadelphia.

New York; Dec 14—Arrived, Richard, Olsen, St John, NB,
PORTLAND, Dec 13—Off, Tollington, Robbins, from Philaleiphia for Bromen.

PORTARIS, Dec 13—Arrived, Servian, McDonald, Prince Edward Island.
PLYMOUTH, Dec 14—Arrived, Alpheta, Elliott, Charlotte-lown for orders: 16th, Vale, Olson, Baltimore.
Sailed 16th, Paola, Baltimore, Baltimore.
PAULLAC, Dec 12—Balled, Peppina, Glovanni, New Yokr; Pacific, Harris, do; Dagmar, Lundelin, Baltimore; Luth, Satore, Minio, United States; Elize Metzler, Dahms, Balti-

Baitimore.

Sailed 14th, Dorina, Bordeaux; T S Falck, Rochefort: C Tonnello, Gioucaster; Francoschino, do, Hinde, Caen; Vale, Plymouth: Ingomar, London; Liouel, Penarth; Froya, Southamptor; Marco Pole, Huell; Nenuphar, Westport; Hawthorn, Hull; 15th, Blink Bonnie, Liverpool; Annie Austin, Cardiff.

Scikly, Dec 13—Off, Blenda, Trapp, from New York for Yarmouth. BRNESS, Dec 14-Sailed, Mary Stewart, Wright, Ca-SILEPTESS, Doc 15—Arrived, Condor, Kristenson, MonSILEPTESS, Doc 15—Arrived, Condor, Kristenson, MonNew York: Purmah, Whitehead,
New Orleans: 16th, Francesch no, Preve, Baltimore;
Sailed 16th, Ismade, Alegre, Baltimore; Ingleside,
Hayen, do: M. Louiss, Negri do,
Singaross, Nov 8—Arrived, Benj Sewall, Sowall, Sundorland.
SY MICHARIS, Dec 3—Arrived, Sophia, Long, Nova
Scotia.

Solita. Lacore, Nov 21—In port, Hazard, Roberta, Status, Lacore, Nov 21—In port, Hazard, Roberta, Status, Liv telegraph from Madeira Dec 139—Arrived, Win Phillips, Healey, Hollo for New York; Jura, Russell, Calcutta for Port Spain for orders; T J Southard, Handy, Port Price for London, Port Price for London, Passed, Maggie Cummins, Davis, from Port Elisabeth

RUNCORR, Dec 15—Sailed, Somerset, Wilmington, ROEEN, Dec 12—Cleared, Nuovo Nicolo, Guerti, Balti-nore: 15th, Edina, McDonaid, do. SHIELDS, Dec 15—Arrived, Travellor, Goudry, Baltimore; iskataqua, Scott, Montreal. Sailed 15th, Hermod (a), Baltimore. STOCKTON, Dec 13—Arrived, W 11 Clements, Wilbur, New

lork.
SEVILLE, Dec 9-Arrived, Lawrence, Mureson, New Ork.
Cleared Dth, Valkyria, Olier, New York.
SANTANDER, Dec 5—Cleared, Althea, Waxholt, New York.
Tognar, Dec 14—Off, Holen Sands, from Havre for Charleston.
TENEUIPPE, Nov 28-Sailed, Victoria, Manero, New York. BONDEAUX, Dec 12—The Lucile, arrived here from New York, after stranding at the entrance of the Glyonde, lost anchor and 70 fathoms chain, as well as several sails. Cheshoure, Dec 9—The Gustave, Bruere, put in here on ner voyage from San Francisco for Dunkfut; surveyors exertained that it was useless to take this vessel into lock; further, her carge has been declared to be in good undition.

Fayal, Dec 5—The Northern Queen, back, of Brisiol, Sullock, from Jamalca for Falmouth, with logwood, anchored here on the 39th, short of provisions, and parted an anchor and commenced driving, but the master cut away her masts and brought her up. The damage sustained cannot yet be ascertained, as she is in quarantino, but her upper works have suffered a good deal. The Tortaous drove considerably during the gale, but sustained cannot not be a suffered a good deal. The Tortaous drove considerably during the gale, but sustained no serious damage; she is discharging.

GREALTAIL Dec 15—The K Sutton, British back, put in on the 4th inst leaky and with pumps cheked. She has been surveyed, and it was recommended to discharge part of her cargo.

HAVE, Dec 13—The Vestalinden, arrived here from Miramichi (timber), has jettisoned about 250 deals forming her deck load.

The Valley Forge, which arrived here this morning from Astoria, via Queenstown, had encountered heavy weather on the passage and sprung aleak, in consequence of damage to reducerpost, so that the master fears damage to cargo. White towing up the Bassin de Likuro Dock this morning sac collided with the Wost Indian (s), damaging the latter to the extent of about 2500.

Livkerpool, Dec 15—The master of La Bells, from Galvaston, reports having passed a black painted brig, abandoned and waterlogged, with poop and house aft and decknouse forward, in lat 47 N, lou 32 W; also speke, on Dec 4, Italian bark Amalia, from Boston 35 days, for Queenstown, with loss of buiwarks.

Melrogener, Nov 1—The Winefred, from Boston, reports that on Sept 27, ase struck her, carrying away some of her buiwarks, damaging the house op deck and smashing the doors of the saloun; the main hatch tarpaulins were torn off, and other damage done on deck. During the sance gaie several of her salis were blown away or spit.

The Fleetwing, from New York for Yokobama (kerosone and coal, put into Fort Philly Heads, on Oct 39, for repairs. On Oct 2 she suffered considerable damage on deck and to her upper works by a gale, and a week later she again experienced bad weather, during which her deck houses were stove in, starboard buiwarks, stanchlous and

ciro.
GALVESTON. Dec 27—Arrived, brigs Paulus (Nor),
oromaen, Liverpool; Amar (Gor), Braumond, Rio Janeiro.
Sallod—Barks Jonnie Swequoy, Indson, New York;
Indora (Nor), Jensen, Brömen; brigs Rio Grande (Br),
offrey, Liverpool; Mira (Nor), Cornolinson, do; sohr
anac LClark, Lake, Now York.
Cleared—Brig Castalla, Elmer, New York.
Cleared 23d, bark Wayfaror (Br), Thurber, Liverpool,
NEW ORLEANS, Dec 28—Arrived, steamur Good Hope
Bry, Sondarland.

NORPOLK, Dec 28—Arrived, schr Hamburg, Dunn, Wilmington.

NEW BEDPORD. Dec 28—Arrived, schr A M Acken,
Daggett, Vineyard Haven for New York.

Sailed—Schr H A Taber, Perry, New York.

27th—Arrived, schr B B Gildersleuve, Handy, Amboy.

NEWPORT, Dec 28—Arrived, schra Senater, Heutley,
Port Johnson for Narraganast Pier: George F Brown,
Marshall, Providence for New York.

Sailed—Schra Angler, Besse, New York for Marion; R P
Fimpaon, Maltoney, Hobokon for Warcham: Abby Wasson,
Lord, do for Hoeton; Louisa Smith, Webber, de for do;
Thomas Potter, Handy, New York for New Hodford; Nellie
M Rich, Whorf, do for Melliest; Emms F Lewis, Leadbetter, Grand Bassa, Africa, for Boston; G W Bentiey,
Sprague, New York for do; N J Miller, Lewis, Port Johnson for do; Anna Myrick, Meoney, do for Buckaport;
Lavania Delancy, Reeves, Hobokon for Warcham.

27th—No arrivals.

THE GUNMAKER OF MOSCOW.

A TALE OF

THE EMPIRE UNDER PETER THE OREAT.

CHAPTER I.

THE GUNMARER AND THE MONK.

The time at which we open our story is mid-winter, and toward the close of the seventeenth contury. Ruesis had passed through the long and bitter ordesi or mitional Night. The Tartar yoke had been worn till the very bones of the nation were galled; and when this was thrown off civil dissensions and insurrections commenced. The Poles and Swedes plundered the country, and amid general turnuit and contusion some half dozon men were clamoring for the throne. At length a few patriotic citizens, pledging werething they held dear on earth to the cause of freedom from this curse of anarchy, and headed by a noble prince and an humble, patriotic butcher, made a bold stand to save the country. Moscow was retaken, and Michael Romanoff was chosen Car; and this illustrious family still occupies the imperial throne. And now the day of Russian greatness dawned; but the sun was not fairly up—the broad light opened not upon the Empire—until Peter came to the throne.

In the department of the Sloboda—the suburbs of Moscow—and very near the River Moskwa, stood an humble cot, the exterior of which betrayed a neatness of arrangement and show of taste that more than made up for its smallness of size. Nor was it so very small in fact, but only in contrast, for near at hand about it stood many large, shabby, dirty looking structures that overlooked the prim cot, as look mountains may look down upon a verdant hill. And within this cot was as neat as without. The two apartments in front—one of which was only used in winter—were not only furnished with neatness, but with a fair show of ornament and luxury. Back of these were a large cooking and dining room and two small cedrooms, and back still from these was an artisan's shop and other outputidings. This shop was devoted to the manuacture of freearms mostly. Some swords and other outputidings. This shop was devoted to the manuacture of freearms mostly. Some swords and other output his mother with a farme of the co

he tirred toward the coor, and as to an active the kitchen, where his mother had supper all prepared and set out.

Claudia Nevel was a noble looking woman, and the light of her still handsome countenance was never brighter than when gazing upon her boy. She had seen the snows of fifty winters, and if they had left some salver upon her head and some age marks upon her face the sunshine of sa many summers had left her with a thankful, loving heart, and a prayerful, hopeful soul.

"it is snowing again, faster than ever," remarked Paul, as he took his seat at the table.
"Ah," returned fluric, resting his knife a few moments while he bent his ear to listen to the voice of the storm. "I had heped 'twoid snow no more for the present. The snow is deep enough now. And how it blows!"

"Never mind," spoke the dame, in a trustful, easy tone, "it must storm when it listeth, and we can only thank God tiat we have shelter and pray for those who have none."

"Amen" responded Ruric, forvently.

only thank God that we have should those who have none."
"Amon!" responded Ruric, forvently.

After this the trio remained some minutes silent, seeming to be busy in listening to the storm notes that came pealing about the cot. The wind was high and the snow now came dashing upon the windows with a dreary, melancholy sound. The meal was at

Ruric rescued out and comments into her face, he said:—

"I was thinking—and I have been thinking much of late, my mother—of—of—Rosalind Valdai."

Claudia Nevel started as sue heard that name, and for the while the color forseok her cheeks.

"What. my dear boy—what of her have you thought?" sine asked, tremulously.

"What, but of one thing could I think, my mother? You have seen her?"

"Yes, Ruric."

"And you have marked the grace—the loveliness—the surpassing beauty of the noble girl?"

"I know she is beautiful, my son; and also that she is good—at least, so I think."

"Thon what but love could move me with deep thought of her? Oh, my mother, I do love her. I love her with the whole strength of my heart and soul."

thought of her? Oh, my mother, I do love her. I love her with the whole strength of my heart and soul."

"Alas, my Ruric, she will never dare love thee."

"You know not that," the youth quickly replied, his eyes burning deeply and his open brow flushing. "Did I not know she loved me be sure I would never have allowed my thoughts such range. We were children together, and even then we loved. Fate has dealt differently by us in the years that have passed since those childhood times; but yet I am sure her love for me is not changed, save as increasing age must change all the emotions of our natures into deeper, stronger lights and shades."

"But think, my boy. You, a mere artisan; she, the offspring of nobility and the ward of a duke—a stern, coid, proud aristocrat, who looks upon people of our station only as harsh masters look upon their beasts of burden. I fear you will find little else but misery in such a course of thought."

"At least, my mother, I will see Rosalind, and if she loves me as I love her, and if she would accept my hand—"

"Hush, my boy. Do not cherish such hopes. Why should she mate with thee when the richest nobles of the land would kneel for her hand?"

"Hold," cried Ruric, starting to his feet—his handsome tace flushed and his bright eye burning. "Speak not thus—at least, not now. I fister not myself, but I claim a soul as pure and a heart as noble as any man in the land. My mind is as clear; my hopes are as high; my ambision as true to real greatness, and my will as firm as any of them. If Rosalind seeks the love of a true heart and the protection of stout arms and determined success, then I fear not to place myself by the side of any suitor in the land. But if she seeks immediate wealth and the glitter of some high sounding title, then—ah, I know she does not. But let it pass now; I will see her."

and she said no more upon the subject. For a while nothing further was said until Ruric remarked upon the increasing force of the storm. "Hark!" exclaimed his mother, bending her ear in a listening attitude. "Was that a knock upon our Cont".

The youth did not finish his senience, for at that momens the knock came so loud that it was not to be missisken. The youth caught up the candle and hastered to the door. He opened it, but the blast came roaring in, whiring a cloud of snow into Buric's face and extinguishing the light at once. "Is there any one here" the gunmaker asked, bowing his head and shielding his eyes from the driving mow with one hand.

"Yes," returned a voice from the Stygma darkment of the style of the style of the prish."

"Then follow quickly," said Ruric. "Here, give me your hand. There-now come."

The youth found the thickly gloved hand—gloved with the softest fur-and having led the invisible applicant into the hall, he closed the door and then led the way into kitchen. As soon as the candle was relighted fluric turned and gazed upon the new comer. He was a nonk, and habited sometime is did not one of the Black Monke of St. Michael. He was comed. It is the wind in the stand unwieldy and waddled about with laughable steps. His huge, black robe, which reached from his chin to his toes, was secured about the wait with a sash of the same color, and the snow, which lay upon his shoulders and book, presented a striking contrast. Ruric brushed away the snow with his owe hand, and, having taken his visitor's thick fur bonnet, the latter took a seat near the fire.

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"Any, that have limp son," the monk returned, in a deep, rumbling tone. "I left the Kremin this storm has commenced since I started on my return. About half: American have been caught in a severe st

CHAPTER II.

A STRANCE PROCEEDING.

When Ruric came down in the morning he found the monk aircady there and breakfast nearly ready. But little was said during the meal. The monk seemed busy with thoughts of his own, and Ruric was wholly engrossed in studying the strange man's features and pondering upon the various doubts and surmises that had entered his mind. After the meal was over the monk accompanied the gunmaker to his shop, and there he spent some time in examining the quaint articles of machinery that were used in the manufacture of arms.

Ruric was engreged in finishing a pair of pistols, and for some minutes the monk had stood silently by his side watching his movements. At length the youth stopped in his work and laid the pistol cown.

"Excuse me, good father," he said, rather nervously; at the same time looking his visitor in the face; "but I must ask you a question. Where have I seen you before?"

"How should I know?" the monk answered, with a sinle.

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"How should I know?" the monk answered, with a smile.
"Why," resumed Ruric, with some hesitancy, "I knew not but that you might enlighten me. I have surely seen you somewhere."
"And are there not hundreds whom you have seen in this great city—ayo, thousands—whom you might recognize as you recognize me?"
"Ah, it may be so; but not like this. There may be a thousind faces i would recollect to have seen, but not one of them would exciteeven a passing emotion in my soul. But your race calls up some powerful emotion—some starting memory of the past—which bothers me. Who are you, good father? What are you? Where have we met before? Was it in Spain?"

what are your in Spain?"

"No," said Valdimir, with a shake of the head. And then, with a more serious shade upon his face, he added:—"Let this pass now. I will not deny to you that there may be some grounds for your strange

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fancies; but I assure you most sacredy that unitaliast night I never came in direct companiones; with you before; at any rate, not to my knowledge. You have acted the Good Samaritan toward me, and I hope I may some time return the favor."

"No, no," quickly responded the youth; "if you return it, then it will be a favor no more. I have only done for you what every man should do for his neighbor; and so far from needing thanks for my sorvices I would rather give them for the occasion, for I know of no source of joy so pure and uncontaminated as that feeling in the soul which tells us we have done a good act."

The dark monk reached forth and took the youthful artisan's hand, and, with more than ordinary emotion, said:—

You touch the harp strings of the soul with a noble hand, my son; and if any deed of kindness can give me joy it will be a deed for you. We may meet sgain, and until thun I can only say, "God bless and prosper thee."

With these words the monk turned away, and ere

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With these words the monk turned away, and ere Ruric could command presence of mind enough to follow him he had gone from the house. The youth wished to say something, but smid the varied emetions that went leaping through his mind he could gather no connected thoughts:

After the monk had gone a furic returned to his beene and resumed his work. He saked has boy if he had ever seen the strange man before, but Faul only shock his head, and answered dublounly.

"What do you mean?" the gummaker asked, loading the boy in the face. "Do you think you have seen him before and I may not. But streity you would not suppose that my memory would serve you better than your own.

"I cannot tell, my master. I may have seen him before and I may not. But streity you would not suppose that my memory would serve you better than your own. fully easured by this answer. He gived into Paul's face, and he functed he detected seems show of intelligence there which had not been spoken. But he resolved to ask more questions at present. He had aaked no more questions at present. He had aaked anot been spoken. But he resolved to ask more questions, and the resolved to ask on more questions at present. He had aaked anot been spoken. But he resolved to ask in word of the season. So he applied himself snew to his work, and st noom the pictosis were finished.

Toward the middle of the afternoon, just as Rurio had finished tempering some puris of a gun lock, the back door of his shop was opened and two men entered. They were young men, dressed in coatly furs, and both of them stout and good looking. The gummaker recognized them as the Count Corrad Damonof and his friend, stephen Urzen.

"You do," returned Rurie, not at all surprised by the visit, since people of all classes were in the habit of calling at his place

"Stephon," spoke the Count, turning to his companion, "you heard the instructions the Duke gave
me this morning?"

"Aye," returned Urzen, directing his speech to
Ruric. "I did hear, and you have stated the case
plainly."

"I may be as much surprised as yourself," resumed the Count haughtliy, "at this strange tasts

sumed the Count haughtily, "at this strange taste of the Duke. Why he should seek this signal from you I can only imagine upon his desire to call up no regrets in the bosom of his fair ward. He knows that she mow feels a warm friendship for you. For her sake he would have this signal from you."

"But how for her sakes" asked Rurie.

"Why," returned Damonoff, "do you not see? Rosalind, in the simplicity of her heart, may think that you—a—that you might claim her love; and out of pure principie grant it to you simply bocause you were the first claimant."

"But I never claimed her love," said Rurie, warmly. "If she loves me she loves me from her own heart. With the noble Duke I never apoke but once, and then he came here for me to temper his sword. If you would marry with the lady do so; and if you seek help in the work seek it from those who have some power in the matter."

"You mistake, sir," said the Count, helly, "I seek not power now. I only seek a simple word from one who may have some influence—even as a beggar, having saved the lite of a king, may, through royal gratiande, wield an influence. Will you sign the paper?"

Now, all this seemed very strange to Burie, and he knew that there was something behind the curtain which he was not permitted to know. He knew that he never would have sent such a message as this but for some design more than had yet appeared. In short he could not understand the matter at all. It looked dark and complex; such conduct was in direct conduct with the nature of the man from whom it now appeared to have emanated. Rurie pondered upon this a few moments, and he made up his mind that he would on no secount yield an atom to the strange demand thus made upon him.

"Sir Count," he said, calmly and firmly, "you have plainly stated your promosition and I will as plainly answer. I cannot sign the paper?"

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